IZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Revision/fixation of prices of bulk drugs and formulations/ is an on-going process under the provisions of DPCO, 1987, and are done on the recommendations and in consultation with BICP. These are notified/fixed after due examination from time to time.

[Translation]

Food Processing Industries in Bihar

4430. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries functioning in Bihar at present;

(b) the details of the proposals received by the Union Government for setting up new food processing industries in Bihar during 1991-92; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There are 29 fruit and vegetable processing units and 10 Sweetened Aerated Water units licenced under Fruit Products Order (FPO) in Bihar. There are 41 Roller Flour Mills, 4872 Rice Mills including modern/modernised Rice Mills, Hullers, Shellers, Huller-cum-Shellers in Bihar. One large scale Bread manufacturing unit and a Pork processing plant (Bacon factory) is functioning at Ranchi in Bihar. Information in respect of other food processing industries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). A proposal seeking assistance for development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing by tribal villages has been approved. Another proposal seeking assistance for development of infrastructure for food, fruit and vegetable processing in tribal areas of Chota Nagpur is under examination. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. is examining a proposal for setting up of Poshahar/Energy food plant in Bihar. This Ministry has also suggested to Bihar Government to set up an additional port processing line in the Bacon factory at Ranchi.

Applications from Orissa for Industrial Approval

4431. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government from Orissa during the last three years seeking industrial approval;

(b) the number of applications accepted or rejected;

(c) the reasons for the applications lying pending for a long time; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government so far for the early disposal of pending applications for industrial approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the period from 1988 to 1991 (upto 30th November), a total number of 180 applications seeking Letters of Intent for setting up of industrial units in Orissa have been received. Out of these, 45 have been approved and 93 have been rejected/otherwise disposed of.